

# **Transportation Commission Minutes**

## **Wednesday, September 28, 2011**

*Kathy Moehring* called the Transportation Commission to order at 7:00 p.m.

### **1. Roll Call**

Roll was called and the following was recorded:

Members Present:

Philip Tribuzio  
Jesus Vargas  
Kathy Moehring

Staff Present:

Obaid Khan, Supervising Civil Engineer  
Gail Payne, Transportation Coordinator

### **2. Minutes**

Due to lack of quorum, the approval of the minutes for the June 22, 2011 will be moved to the next meeting.

### **3. Oral Communications – Non-Agenda**

*John Spangler* announced the PedalFest event on the waterfront at Jack London Square, which will take place on Saturday, October 22 between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. The event is produced by Jack London Square, East Bay Bicycle Coalition, Walk Oakland Bike Oakland and Bay Area Bikes. It is a free celebration of bikes, and includes stunts, a bicycle parade, vintage bikes and handmade bikes.

*John Spangler* announced a memorial event in honor of Brendan Sorenson at Lincoln Middle School on Sunday, November 6 between 12 noon and 4:30 p.m. The event will include a bike safety course and a memorial ride before dark.

*John Spangler* requested that Island Drive include on-street bicycle facilities if any development with the golf course moves forward. On-street bicycle facilities will help with traffic calming, especially near Amelia Earhart Elementary School. He also requests full pedestrian access across Doolittle Drive at Island Drive.

## **4. New Business**

### **4A. Presentation of Quarterly Report on Activities Related to Transportation Policies and Plans.**

*Staff Payne* summarized the staff report.

*Commissioner Moehring* requested to see the timeline for the Park Street Streetscape project and expressed concern that construction would occur during the holiday season.

*Staff Khan* stated that the City staff is coordinating with the local businesses and contractors to work around the busy times so as to minimize the impacts to the businesses. He promised to send a project schedule to the commissioners.

*Commissioner Vargas* complimented staff on the Island Drive overlay, which included ADA improvements and bike facility enhancements. He is interested to know about other opportunities to comment on potential future development in the area.

*Staff Khan* stated that a Planning Board meeting on Monday, October 24 will discuss the potential development at the golf course. It will be a scoping session for the EIR, which then will go to the City Council. Comments from the TC meetings will be forwarded to the Planning Board and City Council.

*Commissioner Vargas* requested information on future transportation funding opportunities.

*Staff Khan* responded by naming the key funding sources: Measure B, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), vehicle registration fee and the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Local jurisdictions score their streets based on a Pavement Condition Index (PCI). Deferred maintenance in the City is continuing to go up as the City continues to experience approximately \$3 million annual deficit in street maintenance. The City's annual street maintenance needs are approximately \$5 million. Alameda's streets are showing at a 69 PCI whereas the optimal PCI is in the 70s. MTC states that it will cost \$5 billion over 28 years to maintain streets just in Alameda County at the existing PCI levels and \$7.5 billion to improve the streets to a more optimal PCI level. Resurfacing streets helps all modes. Resurfacing addresses ADA improvements such as ramps and restripes bike lanes and improves transit stops.

## **5. Staff Communications**

*Staff Payne* promoted the Guaranteed Ride Home Program and handed out information on the program.

Staff will present TSM/TDM strategies at a future meeting – potentially next month. Draft Bicycle Design Guidelines will be presented in November. Staff will work with the Chair on items. *Staff Payne* reminded the committee that the November and December meetings are held on the third Wednesday of these months to avoid the holidays.

*Commissioner Vargas* requested to consider on the agenda information about development opportunities involving neighbors, land acquisitions and traffic studies to review.

## **6. Announcements**

*Commissioner Vargas* stated that he was invited to Sacramento for a transportation safety event associated with Caltrans, Mothers Against Drunk Driving and the California Highway Patrol. One of the issues highlighted is educating youth to not text and drive – safety first.

*Commissioner Moehring* requested that “Public Comments” be added in the beginning of the agenda as a courtesy to the public.

*Staff Khan* suggested adding it as a sub-bullet to “Oral Communications – Non-Agendized Items.”

*John Spangler* announced that the East Bay Bicycle Coalition (EBBC), which has 3,000 members, teaches bicycle safety in Alameda County. The instructors plan to expand the program to schools. There are different classes ranging from a one-hour commuter class and family clinic to a three-hour class or an all day course. Bonnie Wehmann is the Educational Coordinator for the EBBC and also is an Alameda resident.

*Commissioner Vargas* commented that a bicycle club may be forming at Alameda High School.

## **7. Adjournment**

7:41 PM